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SUBJECT: Mayor Emily Larson elected to National League of Cities Board of Directors

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[DULUTH, MN] – Duluth Mayor Emily Larson was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors by NLC’s membership at the organization’s 2022 City Summit in Kansas City, MO. Larson was elected to a 2-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC’s federal advocacy, governance, and membership activities. NLC is the largest and most representative organization for cities, their elected leaders and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington by building strong federal-local partnerships.

Mayor Larson recently wrapped a one-year term as Chair of the Energy Environment and Natural Resources Federal Policy Committee and has been asked by the NLC’s newly-elected board president, Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington, to serve on her executive committee to support leadership and help guide the work of the national organization for the next year.

“I’m so excited and honored to represent Duluth in this way with the NLC,” said Mayor Larson about her election. “Their presence and our work with the National League of Cities elevates Duluth to a national stage, allowing us to share our best practices with communities and municipalities across the nation, and to deepen our federal relationships to secure broader sources of funding for our projects. It’s a really exciting and enriching set of relationships this connection allows us to have, and my position on the Board of Directors is a big win for the City of Duluth.”

As a member of the board, Mayor Larson will meet in March, June, and November to guide NLC’s strategic direction. Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee and are confirmed by a vote from NLC’s membership at the organization’s annual business meeting.

“The National League of Cities Board of Directors is critical in guiding our organization’s priorities and policies,” said National League of Cities (NLC) President Victoria Woodards, mayor of Tacoma, Washington. “NLC’s Board is made of a group of incredible and diverse leaders, and I look forward to working closely together with them to advance priorities for cities, towns, and villages across the country.”

More than 3,000 mayors, councilmembers, and other delegates from nearly every state and the District of Columbia convened in Kansas City for the NLC's City Summit. Local leaders are on the frontlines of the nation's most pressing challenges and are working hard to pioneer innovative solutions that move our cities, towns, and villages forward.

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